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SUBJECT: NEPAL'S CA ELECTION: NAMES OF MEMBERS ELECTED ON  
PROPORTIONAL SIDE ANNOUNCED

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On May 8, Chief Election Commissioner Bhoj Raj Pokhrel announced the final results of Nepal's April 10 Constituent Assembly (CA) election. Specifically, Pokhrel announced the individual names of the 335 candidates elected to the 601-member Assembly under the proportional representation (PR) system. The PR candidates come from 25 parties (see reftel for details), and were selected by the respective party leaderships after the election from lists submitted by the parties prior to the election, subject to certain quotas for marginalized groups, including women. The Election Commission had previously announced the winners of the CA's 240 first-past-the-post contests as those results became available. The announcement by the Chief Commissioner starts the clock for the Prime Minister to hold the Assembly's first meeting. Under the Interim Constitution, the CA must sit within 21 days -- i.e., no later than May 29.

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